

Minutes of the meeting of the Welney Parish Council
held at The William Marshall Centre, Hurn Drove, Welney on Tuesday 3rd August, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman), Cllrs. L.Bombata, H.Cowles, K. Cowles, P.Edmunds, J.Elliott, G.Rainbird (who apologies for being late), Dist.Cllrs. V.Spikings, D.Pope, 6 members of the public and the clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies for absence – None

2. Declaration of Interests – None at this stage.

3. Public Participation

- Mrs.Denyer raised the question of a notice board at the new hall. She was advised that hopefully the notice board from the Parish Hall might be able to be relocated. The Chairman would look into this and also obtain notice boards for the interior of the new hall.
- A hole in the road on March Road almost on the corner near Hurn Drove was reported by a parishioner and this would be passed onto Highways for attention.
- Mr.Loveday once again raised several points relating to the new building. He questioned the final sign off certificate and was advised that if the certificate has been issued then the building complies with all the building regulations. He also queried the footings for the building, the pitch of the roof and raised several questions relating to the drawings. Cllr.Bombata suggested that everyone is more than happy with the new building and that it was time to move on.

4. Casual Vacancy – Following the resignation of Mr. Gilbert at the last meeting, the Borough Council had been advised and the statutory 14 day notice had been put into effect. No request for an election was received by the Borough Council and therefore the vacancy has to be filled by co-option. Notices were displayed on the village notice boards and would also be in the Welney News.

5. The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July, having been circulated to all Councillors, were confirmed as a correct record of that meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising - None

7. Finance – The following Invoices have been received for payment and on the proposition of Cllr.Elliott, seconded by Cllr.Rainbird and agreed, the cheques were signed:

Fenland Fire – Extinguishers and fire equipment as per quote already received	283 . 20
Icon – Sport England Sign	101 . 70

Paid by Direct Debit

Clerks Salary	255 . 68
E-On – Electricity for WMCentre	114 . 08
E-On – Electricity for street lights	81 . 12

Payment to Welney Croft cricket club for the Grass Cutting was discussed. It was suggested that as 12 home matches were scheduled for this season, the cost of 6 matches at £46.00 = £276, should be deducted from the first half payment of £425.00 and the balance of the matches deducted from the second half payment. This suggestion would be put to the Cricket Club and discussed again at the next meeting.

8. Old Parish Hall

Following the last meeting, the required three months notice was given to the Environment Agency (circulated everyone with the e-mails) They will be coming back to us in due course with hand over requirements and in the meantime we have to clear the building completely. It was proposed by Cllr.H.Cowles, seconded by Cllr.Elliott agreed that the electricity and water should be turned off at the building and a meeting would take place on

Sunday 7th August to clear all the remaining items. Cllr.Goodger confirmed that he would store the tables and chairs and dispose of rubbish from the building. Mr.Loveday confirmed that he would attend the meet on the Sunday and remove and store the Millennium Map until such time as a suitable home could be found for it. The insurance would be cancelled once the building had been handed back to the Environment Agency at the beginning of October.

9. William Marshall Centre

- a. Report of Official Opening – 23.7.16 - Grateful thanks should be recorded to Cllr.Cowles for organising the day and a profit of £219.53 was received. Thanks also to everyone else who worked hard to achieve this total. An e-mail had been received from Mr.John Gilbert following his attendance and carrying out the official opening, and this had been forwarded to all councillors.
Reports of the event had been included in The Welney News, Lynn News, and Fenland Citizen.
- b. Planning Matters – As mentioned by the Chairman at the last meeting a complaint had been made to the Planning Department regarding certain matters not having been carried out correctly by the builders. The letter was received on 25th July and a copy was forwarded to all councillors.. The Chairman spoke to MRC and supplied them with a copy of the letter and they have promised to arrange for the Architect to prepare a plan showing the building “as is” now. (Copy e-mails from all parties had been circulated to all councillors for information.)
- c. Snagging List – The snagging list is as per that outlined in the minutes of the last meeting plus there is no catch on one of the ladies toilet doors and one of the sinks in the ladies toilet leaks from the seal underneath when filled with water. The list has been forwarded to MRC who will be attending at 8 p.m. on 2nd August and should deal with everything on the list. It has also been pointed out that one of the exterior panels has buckled and this would be inspected and dealt with as soon as possible.
- d. Connection to Mains Sewer – Confirmation had been received from Anglian Water that this can be carried out, but permission is also required from the local drainage board. The Chairman declared an interest in this matter as he is on the drainage board, and he handed over the paperwork relating to this so that it could be sent off immediately,
- e. Hurn Drove and highways – e-mail from Andy at Highways dated 12th July, circulated to all councillors. Nothing was done by highways prior to the official opening, and thanks were extended to the Chairman who delivered a load of stone and filled in the potholes. A further request would be sent to Highways asking that they at least do something to make the surfact better.
- f. Name Sign for the Building – Cllr.Edmunds confirmed that he would approach the company for prices and layout details in readiness for the next meeting.
- g. Mandy Revett – Following the last meeting, the suggestion of using the donation from her late fathers funeral to form the Mick Goodale Patio was put to Mrs.Revett and the family thought this was a wonderful idea and would like to be kept informed of progress. The Chairman also confirmed that he had spoken to the lady who wished to have the bench in memory of her late husband and they would like it sited in the far corner of the field. It will need to be fixed down and this would be attended to in due course.
- h. Halls for Hire on the Cambs Acre website. The Old Parish hall was listed on the website as being available for hire. This has now been removed and Council agreed for details of the new facility to be included. The Clerk would arrange this with photographs as soon as possible. Cllr.Bombata agreed to forward some photographs of the new building that could be used for this and other advertising purposes.
- i. Correspondence - Copies of a letter from Mrs.J.Pratley handed in at the last meeting and a copy of an e-mail from Mr.Gilbert sent after he left the last meeting had been circulated to all councillors for information. The Chairman confirmed that he had checked the meter on the solar panels and to date they had generated 1475 kwh. As things stand it is hopeful that the panels will be paid for within 10 years

and Cllr.Bombata agreed to monitor the situation for one year to see how matters develop. Mrs.Pratley also confirmed that Council would have to remember that cleaning costs for the panels would have to be considered.

- j. Fire Door Exits – Cllr.Rainbird agreed to check this matter again with the Fire Officer
- k. Home and Away Showers – It was agreed to put the question of Home and Away Showers/Male and Female Showers on the Agenda for next time, and find out the possible cost of notices for the doors.

10. Correspondence

1. Norfolk County Council e-mail 8.7.16 – Devolution Consultation (forwarded to all)
2. CAN e-mail dated 20.7.16 -do-
3. Environment Agency 11.7.16 Information on Works on the Middle level Barrier Banks
4. Op Randall 11.7.16 (forwarded to all)
5. -do- 18.7.16 -do-
6. Police Connect 28.7.16 – RAF Marham (forwarded to all)
7. Cambs Acre 28.7.16 – Membership Forms for Community Centres
8. Police Connect – 30.7.16 (circulated to all)
9. Better Broadband for Norfolk 25.7.16 (copy attached)

11. Planning Matters

No planning applications or decisions

Neighbourhood Plan – After a brief discussion and useful input from Dist.Cllr.Spikings, it was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the next meeting for further consideration.

12. Highway Matters

Parish Partnership Scheme – According to the e-mail from Andy Wallace at Highways (circulated to everyone) the TROD along March Road would cost approximately £10,000. Under this scheme the Parish Council have to match fund 50/50 with the Council. Cllr.Edmunds declared an interest at this point. It was agreed that this matter should be explored further

An e-mail had been received from Mr.Shirley in Main Street regarding traffic ignoring turning vehicles. However this was received too late for discussion and would be included in the appropriate section at the next meeting.

13. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Broadband for the new Building.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

SignedK. Goodger.....(Chairman)

Dated6th September, 2016.....